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SUNDAY'S WORLD

LAST EDITION.
THE CYCLONE'S HAVOC
\$2,000,000 Damage Done in the Mississippi Valley.
Eighteen Persons Killed So Far as Known and Hundreds Injured.

Path of the Storm Through the Devastated Region.

MEMPHIS, March 25.—The damage done by the cyclone in the Mississippi Valley is enormous. While the loss of life is not as great as at first reported, the damage to property will reach \$2,000,000.

The telegraph wires are still demoralized, and it will be several days before the full extent of the disaster will be known.

The death list at 10 o'clock last night footed up eighteen, while the list of injured will run up into hundreds.

The names of the dead at Kelley, Miss., so far as known, are: Harriet Smith, Mary Williams, Susan Williams and two unknown negro women.

The dead elsewhere are: Richard Hord, Thomas Hord, Shubuta, Miss.; El Prince, Illinois; Miss; Drury Sumal and family of nine, Shaws, Miss.

The names of the injured at Kelley, so far as known, are as follows:

Richard Pine, wife and children, all badly injured by the collapse of their house, one of the children will die. Jim Payne, badly wounded about the head and shoulders; may die. Chris Burford, internally injured; may probably die. Mrs. Sara Hart, two ribs broken and internally injured; may die. Marion Mason, cut about the head. Mrs. Mason, badly hurt about the hips. Harriet Branch, internally injured. Berry and his wife, badly injured. Gus Ellis, right eye knocked out. Eps McLaughlin, shoulder broken. Wiley McLaughlin, arm dislocated.

The injured at other points are: S. K. Davis, and fourteen negro tenants, Crawfordville, Ark., more or less seriously injured. Jim Carroll, Spring Creek, Tenn., fatally injured. Aleck Parsons, Shaws, Miss., struck by flying brick and seriously injured.

Twenty-one school children, Tunica, Miss., more or less seriously injured.

The majority of those killed and injured are negroes.

The first heard of the cyclone was in North Louisiana and Southern Arkansas. It crossed the Mississippi a few miles above Greenville, devastating plantations, killing many negroes and uprooting forest trees. The path of the storm was about a mile wide and nothing was left standing in its track.

The first fatality occurred near Shaws Bluff, where a colored farmer, John Sumal, was killed by a flying brick. The cyclone then changed its course slightly and travelled the Yazoo and Mississippi Valley Railroad until it entered the "land Miss." where a public school building and several houses and stores were razed to the ground.

The cyclone passed within a mile of Clarksville, a town of 2,000 inhabitants, and next struck Tunica, the county seat of Tunica county. Nearly every building in the place was wrecked.

The new Court-House went down. The colored school building was wrecked and over thirty children were killed. The school left Tunica it divided, one portion travelling in a northeasterly direction, while the other took a northerly course and again crossed the Mississippi River into Arkansas, where it spread ruin through three counties. The towns of Crawfordville and Vincent were nearly wiped off the face of the earth, and the storm then took a northeasterly course, reaching Kelley, where the greatest damage was done. Six people were killed outright and a score injured. Not a building was standing, the fragments being strewn over the country for miles. The damage to property in the vicinity of Kelley will reach \$100,000.

After leaving Kelley the cyclone passed into Tennessee, the next place to fall in its path being Spring Creek, in Madison county, where several people were injured.

EXPLOSION WARREN STREET
Electric Light Wires in an Iron Pipe Fuse and Go Off.

Horses Knocked Down and Passers-by Severely Shocked.

At 10:30 this morning the employees of John Moore's harness repository, 60 Warren street, were alarmed by the noise of an explosion in the cellar.

In the same instant horses passing the south side of Warren street at the junction of college place were observed to dance and cavort as if suddenly rejuvenated by an inoculation of an electric life.

For a time Mr. Moore and the dozen or more clerks on the first floor stood looking amazed at each other.

No one volunteered an explanation of the noise, which sounded much like the discharge of a heavily loaded army musket.

A few minutes later smoke was seen issuing from the open doorway leading to the basement, and the little crowd of spell-bound employees rushed simultaneously for the door.

A crackling sound greeted their ears, and every one of them believed that a fire had been started in the goods and empty boxes stored below.

Investigation proved their suspicions unfounded. They discovered that the smoke issued from a big ragged hole in a two-inch iron pipe containing the electric light wires, which entered the building.

Mr. Moore at once divided the cause, and after ascertaining himself that there was no danger to the building, rushed out into the street.

He saw a horse prostrate over the manhole of the subway and a big crowd that blocked the thoroughfare gathered around. He cautioned all to stand back and placed barrels around the dangerous spot.

The pavement and steel-car rails were heavily charged with electricity as a result of the explosion of the gas generated by the lightning of the electric wires.

The manhole cover had been displaced, and several men who seemed not to comprehend the danger, and who tried to replace it, were prostrated by the shock received from the electric current.

The streets became blocked with express wagons and trucks, and when anxious drivers saw no danger attempted to pull out over the danger spot. The crowd enjoyed the sight and tried to compel the police to put up a barricade. Just how much damage was done could not be ascertained.

DAM SWEEPED AWAY BY FLOOD.
Stock Carried Off and Lives Lost in Arizona's Desert Region.

SENTINEL, Ariz., March 25.—A head of water from nine to eleven feet high struck the dam under construction by the South Gila Canal Company the other day with such force as to carry away part of the masonry work, with the filling pumps and pile-drivers.

The flood reached the dam and bounded over, carrying on its breast trees, timber, lumber, barrels and debris of every kind. Cattle, horses and other animals were swept along and were caught in the raging flood on the bottom lands above.

Great damage to property was done, which has been estimated at \$100,000. This part of Arizona is an expanse of desert, through which the Gila River flows. It is thought that where the dam failed, in the night many lives were lost.

COL. WEBER STILL IN OFFICE.
Says He Will Not Remain Longer than April 1.

The resignation of Col. Weber, Commissioner of Immigration, is scheduled to take place today, but there is nothing certain that he will leave before the end of the month.

The letter of Secretary Carlisle, of March 15, asking him to remain in charge of Ellis Island somewhat longer, said: "Until your successor is appointed and qualified, which will be within ten days." No successor has yet been appointed. Col. Weber said today that he would not remain longer than April 1.

Nothing is known about the plans of Gen. O'Rourke, the Assistant Commissioner, and it is said his friends are quietly working at Washington.

CLEVER ROBBERY ALLEGED.
Max Stern Charged with the Larceny of a \$50 Watch.

Max Stern, of 183 Washington street, was held in \$1,000 bail in Jefferson Market Court this morning on the charge of the larceny of a \$50 gold watch, the property of jeweler George Heppeneheimer, of Houston street and Bowery.

On Oct. 15, Stern, so the complaint says, pretended to have found a customer for the watch, and took it to his home. He never came down again, and Heppeneheimer hunted for it until he was tired. Yesterday when Policeman O'Horan, of the Mercer street station, arrested Stern in Bleeker street.

TWO NEW TYPHUS CASES.
One Death Also Reported to the Board of Health This Morning.

Two new cases of typhus fever and one death were reported to the Board of Health this morning. The death was that of Charles Charuk, aged forty-two, who was removed from 51 Forsyth street to North Brother Island on March 21. The new cases are John Murphy, aged fifty-four, of 223 Park Row, and Harry Maxwell, twenty-eight, of 107 Pennsylvania House, between Broadway and West streets. They were taken to North Brother Island.

A Little Girl Burned to Death.
LONG BRANCH, N. J., March 25.—The seven-year-old daughter of John Maher was burned to death this morning by her clothing catching fire from the kitchen stove. Mrs. Maher tried to save the life of her young daughter by extinguishing the flames, was herself seriously burned about the hands and arm.

Steamer Aground Up the Hudson.
PEEKSKILL, N. Y., March 25.—The steamer John L. Hasbrouck, on her way to New York last night, ran aground on the flats north of Peekskill. It was high water at the time and a fog prevailed. Tugs will be sent to pull her off.

DEMANDS HER YOUNG MATE.
Mrs. Levy Says He Is Kept from Her by His Parents.

The Latter Declare that He Has Gone West.

Moses Levy, the well-known and wealthy food and produce dealer of Williamsburg, is defendant in a suit brought in the City Court, Brooklyn, by Mrs. Kitty Levy, his daughter-in-law, to recover possession of her husband, Sylvan Levy, who she alleges is being illegally deprived of his liberty.

Mrs. Levy's attorney, lawyer, Thomas F. Magner, obtained a writ of habeas corpus several days ago, requiring Mr. Levy to produce his son before Judge Van Wyck to day.

When the case was called this morning, young Levy was not in court, and it was stated by Lawyer Ramberger, who appeared for Mr. Levy, that the young man had gone West.

According to the petition on which the writ of habeas corpus was issued, a message was received by young Levy on the night of Feb. 14, telling him that his mother was very ill, and was believed to be dying, and she wished him to come to her at once and receive her blessing. His young wife urged him to go, and he left the house. Since that time she has never seen him.

"The return to the writ, which is put in to-day, says that Mr. Levy has not had charge of his son for two years, and that he has not seen the young man since Feb. 15."

"I have several witnesses, and expected them to be here this morning," said the lawyer, "but they are all absent. I can swear that the young man is in some place, but I cannot get possession of him. They would not let him know where he is, and he is away. His wife can also swear to this."

Lawyer Ramberger declared that his client's son had been in company of the plaintiff for three years, and that he had not been in his father's custody for the last two years.

The petitioner in this case would like to make out that the young man is a baby. As a matter of fact, he is twenty-three years old and nearly six feet tall. We don't know where he is, but we have several witnesses, and expected them to be here this morning."

"I would like to say," said Mr. Magner, "that this young man is perfectly respectable. The only difference between him and his father is that of religion. Judge Van Wyck said he would hear the case Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock. Mr. Levy is now living at 105 Mulder street."

THREE TROLLEY CAR ACCIDENTS.
An Aged Man Loses a Foot and a Pretty Maid Is Scarred.

The returns received at Brooklyn Police Headquarters to-day contain a chapter of accidents on the various trolley roads throughout the city.

Frederick Bonducci, forty-four years old, of 148 Flatbush avenue, was driving a horse and truck along De Kalb avenue, near Washington avenue, last night. Car No. 209, of the De Kalb avenue line, in charge of Motor man Fullum, collided with the truck and threw the driver headlong to the ground. He landed on his head and was bruised and lacerated. He was taken to the hospital, where he is now recovering.

William Humphries, thirteen years old, of 147 Mulder street, was riding on a trolley car No. 147 at the corner of Mulder and Broadway last night. He was thrown from the car and landed on his head. He was taken to the hospital, where he is now recovering.

William Hucker, eighty-five years old, was crossing Broadway at the corner of Mulder street yesterday when a trolley car struck him and knocked him down. He was taken to the hospital, where he is now recovering.

SLICK BOARDING-HOUSE THIEF.
Livingston Street Establishment Robbed by a Servant.

Detective Dolan, of the Adams street station, Brooklyn, is to-day looking for a slick boarding-house thief who is wanted for rifling a fashionable boarding-house kept by Mrs. Barbara Schmiedel at 102 Livingston street.

Sometime ago Mrs. Schmiedel employed a man named "Edward" to do odd jobs about the house. Last evening, while the boarders were at dinner, Edward disappeared, and later it was discovered that all the rooms in the house had been entered and robbed of everything of value that could be conveniently carried away.

Mrs. Schmiedel was robbed of \$10; John Smith, a boarder, lost an overcoat and a pair of trousers, worth \$40; Edward Fitzpatrick, an overcoat and other clothing, worth \$20; and other articles worth carried off, valued in all at \$150.

Westchester's Supervisors' Contest.

WESTCHESTER, N. Y., March 25.—A red hot canvass is being made in the town of Westchester for the Supervisors' Contest.

The fight is between Supervisor Morris, of Morris Park race track fame, and A. M. Fields, the independent candidate. Fields is making an unusual vigorous canvass, and expects to win. All sorts of inducements have been made to him out of the race, but he is still persistent.

Swears to Avenge His Sister.

NEWARK, N. J., March 25.—Although the authorities have decided not to hold Charles Roisin for the death of Lizzie Little, the girl's brother has been hunting for him night and day with a revolver, and threatens to shoot him on sight. The unfortunate girl's parents are poor and almost heartbroken, while Lizzie's family are rich. Since his return the young man has kept out of sight.

Funeral of Mrs. Levy To-Morrow.

The funeral services of Mrs. Adele Levy, wife of Col. Sylvan Levy and mother of Reginald Levy, will be held at the funeral home, 1107 Lexington avenue, at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning, and will be conducted by Rev. Dr. H. Lustig, assisted by Rev. H. Wasmann.

Stole a Pocketbook and \$25.

A young woman called at the store of Mrs. Mary Molloy, 504 Fourth avenue, Brooklyn, this morning and secured change for a \$2 bill. A few minutes later another man called and bought a pair of coat. While the woman was on the sidewalk the first man returned and stole her pocketbook, which contained \$25.

IS LAMONT SO ILL?
Alarming Reports as to the Health of the Secretary of War.

It Is Even Said that He May Have to Leave the Cabinet.

Should Have Taken a Long Rest After His Private Secretaryship.

PHILADELPHIA, March 25.—The New York correspondent of the Philadelphia Press wires to his paper as follows:

"The friends of Secretary of War Lamont are very much concerned over reports which have been brought here from Washington respecting his health."

"Very likely it was this which Mr. E. C. Benedict had in mind when he said, as reported a day or two ago, that the President was a good deal more anxious about a personal matter than over the matter of office, since he feared that one of his nearest friends might be compelled to leave Washington for a time."

"Mr. Benedict has started upon his cruise, and it was, therefore, impossible to learn from him what he meant by this, if he made the remark as is reported."

"Other friends of Mr. Lamont, who came from Washington this morning say that he is ill, not seriously, perhaps, but sufficiently so to be confined to the house, and that he has not been very well since the first three or four days after he began his duties in the War Department."

"This news is all the more alarming here, since those who have been near Mr. Lamont have been afraid that he might have made a mistake in accepting the War Department."

"It was known last winter that Mrs. Lamont, while appreciating the honor implied in the offer of a cabinet post to her husband, very reluctantly and regretfully declined to accept it. Mr. Cleveland's wish to have Mr. Lamont a member of his official family, she has not gone to Washington to-day, and some of those who are of the Presidential party which went with Mr. Cleveland from Lakewood to Washington were inclined to think that there was more anxiety than delight on the part of Mr. Lamont's immediate family."

"Delay in the report has spread among politicians here that already there is some talk of Mr. Lamont's resignation. The demands of office-seekers, so exhausting to his strength and the work of the department have been too much for him. He is now, it is said, positively low, and the result is that his vacation in Europe and summer season is impossible."

WOMAN ATTEMPTS SUICIDE.
Mrs. Martin Pitches Head Foremost Over a Lock-Up Partition.

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A PLEA FOR HARRIS.
Mayor Boody Asks Gov. Flower to Use Clemency.

Mayor Boody, of Brooklyn, has signed a petition to Gov. Flower, praying for executive clemency in the case of the convicted wife-poisoner, Carlyle Harris, who now is in Sing Sing, awaiting the execution of his sentence of death during the week beginning May 3.

Mayor Boody, of 35 Dean street, Brooklyn, and Mrs. Douglas, of 45 Gold street, visited the City Hall and called on the Governor.

They stated the object of their mission, but failed to get the Mayor's signature until after a great deal of persuasion.

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Career of the Famous Journalist, Politician and Philanthropist.

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the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, corner Fifty-fifth street and Fifth avenue. The complete arrangements of the funeral had not been made this morning, but the members of the family decided to positively fix the date as above. The Rev. Dr. John Hall, pastor of the Church and lifelong friend of the dead colonel, will in all probability officiate, and it is believed that the interment will be in the Norwegian cemetery in the family mausoleum of the Vanderbilts.

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